

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An automatic ~~transfer~~ translator, comprising:
original inputting means for inputting an original to be translated;
morphological analyzing means for dividing a sequence of morphemes from the original inputted by the original inputting means;
converting means for converting the morphemes to conceptual categories to be output;
typical sentence verifying means for verifying whether ~~or not~~ a string of predetermined typical conceptual categories exists in a sequence of the conceptual categories outputted from the converting means; and
replacing means for generating a pattern of a predetermined translated sentence corresponding to the string of the conceptual categories to replace the pattern of the predetermined translated sentence with translated words corresponding to the original morphemes of the conceptual categories constituting the pattern of the translated sentence when the string of predetermined typical conceptual categories is determined to exist ~~exists~~ in the sequence of the conceptual categories ~~is determined by~~ the typical sentence verifying means,
wherein the converting means has a vocabulary information file that defines a relationship between the conceptual categories and the morphemes contained therein, the typical sentence verifying means has a first table that stores a pair of the string of the predetermined conceptual categories and the pattern of the predetermined translated sentence corresponding to the string, and the replacing means has a second table that stores a pair of the morpheme constituting the pattern of the translated sentence and the predetermined translated word corresponding to the morpheme.
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The automatic translator according to claim 1,

wherein at least one of the vocabulary information file, first table and second table ~~can be~~is defined or set by a user.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium having an automatic translation program recorded thereon, the automatic translation program causing a computer to execute operations, comprising:

~~a original inputting step of inputting an original to be translated;~~
~~a morphological analyzing step of dividing a sequence of morphemes from the original inputted by the original inputting step~~ using a morphological analysis;

~~a converting step of converting the morphemes divided by the morphological analysis to conceptual categories divided by the morphological analyzing step to be output~~ and outputting the conceptual categories;

~~a typical sentence verifying step of verifying whether or not a string of predetermined typical conceptual categories exists in a sequence of the conceptual categories outputted from the converting step; and~~

~~a replacing step of generating a pattern of a predetermined translated sentence corresponding to the string of the conceptual categories to replace the pattern of the predetermined translated sentence with translated words corresponding to the original morphemes of the conceptual categories constituting the pattern of the translated sentence when the string of predetermined typical conceptual categories is determined to exist exists in the sequence of the conceptual categories is determined by the typical sentence verifying step,~~

wherein the operations are executed in accordance with a vocabulary information file defining a relationship between the conceptual categories and the morphemes contained therein, a first table storing a pair of the string of the predetermined conceptual categories and the pattern of the predetermined translated sentence corresponding to the string is used for the verifying, and a second table storing a pair of the morpheme constituting the pattern of the translated sentence and the predetermined translated word corresponding to the morpheme.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium according to claim ~~54~~, wherein at least one of the vocabulary information file, first table and second table ~~can be~~is defined or set by a user.

7. (NEW) A method of automatically translating an original text, comprising:
linking a string of predetermined conceptual categories with morphemes contained therein and a pattern of predetermined translated sentences corresponding to the string;
converting a sequence of morphemes of the original text to conceptual categories and determining whether the string of the predetermined conceptual categories exists in the converted conceptual categories; and
generating a pattern of a translated sentence for a string of the conceptual categories and replacing the pattern of the translated sentence with translated words corresponding to the sequence of morphemes of the translated sentence in accordance with the linkage upon determining that the string of the predetermined typical conceptual categories exists in the converted conceptual categories.